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## CORONATION FETE OF CZAR OF RUSSIA.

Unusual Preparations for This Expensive Event.

### RAILWAY TRAIN BUILT FOR IT.

Will Pardon Siberian Convicts—Corporal Punishment to be Abolished in Russia—Threats of Assassination. Entire Route Guarded by Soldiers.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—The Czar and Czarina started this evening for Moscow. They took with them their infant daughter, the Grand Duchess Olga. Their departure was made the occasion of a most elaborate civil and military display. The streets from the palace to the railway station were lined with enthusiastic crowds, who heartily wished God speed to their majesties.

The Czar on his coronation, it is said, will abolish every form of corporal punishment in the Empire. It is expected that he will pardon thousands of convicts in Siberia.

The august ceremony of the coronation of the Czar and Czarina and the fetes which precede and follow that event will fill up the time constantly from now until June 7th, which is the date fixed upon for the return of the imperial party to St. Petersburg. The train which carries the imperial party to the ancient capital of Russia was especially built throughout for this journey, and is said to be the finest that ever rode on rails.

### MOSCOW PREPARED.

Everything in Readiness for Journey of Czar.  
MOSCOW, May 17.—For two days past everything has been in readiness for the journey of the Czar and Czarina from St. Petersburg. Infantry guard the lines of railway right into Moscow. The bridges are especially guarded, and along the different lines are to be seen at intervals tents and relief detachments. Even in the peaceful and quiet reign of young Nicholas II. no vigilance or caution is neglected that has ever been taken in former reigns.

### NIHILISTS ARE AT WORK.

Plots to Kill the Czar During the Coronation Festivities.  
MILAN, May 19.—According to advices received by the Secolo from Moscow, the coronation festivities have caused renewed activity among the nihilists, who for a long time past appeared to have abandoned their attempt upon the life of the ruler of Russia.  
Advices published by the paper are to the effect that the police of Moscow have discovered a place in that city that was used for the manufacture of bombs. It was situated beneath a street through which the coronation procession will pass. It is added that placards have been posted about the streets calling upon the people to revolt against the Czar.

Several workmen who were employed in the preparation of the Kremlin for the coronation have been arrested, it being suspected that they are implicated in a conspiracy against the Czar.

### LEFT HIS COFFIN.

Li Hung Chang Passes Through London.  
LONDON, May 16.—Li Hung Chang's coffin arrived in London on Thursday, and a few curious visitors have been allowed to inspect the gawdiesome last resting place of the great Chinese at the Albert dock. The famous Viceroy, with admirable good taste, refrained from taking the casket to Moscow with him, because its presence would be too suggestive among the gay scene of the coronation. No doubt is felt that he is more likely to have use for the big box in solemn London, which he will visit later, than in the festive city of the Czar's dominions.

Archduke Charles Louis Dead.  
VIENNA, May 19.—Archduke Charles Louis of Austria, the younger brother of Emperor Francis Joseph, is dead, aged 63 years.

## STILL TALKING ABOUT CABLE.

Bill Reported by Wellington of Maryland.

### HAMMOND GETS FIFTEEN YEARS.

Opinion of the English Press—Sentences of Reformers May be Commuted—Buluwayo War—Sentence Considered Severe by Foreign Press.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The House Committee on Commerce today considered again the Sherman bill to repeal the imprisonment clause of the interstate commerce act.

The prospects for Government aid to a Pacific cable were also discussed, but without definite result. An agreement was reached, however, to report a bill introduced by Wellington of Maryland, which provides that the shore end of any submarine cable to be established after the passage of the act which may be protected in any foreign country by exclusive landing rights or by special privileges of franchise will not be permitted to land or be operated on the territory of the United States until permission has been obtained from Congress.

### SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.

Motion to Revoke Charter—Assembly Speakers Favor Company.

LONDON, May 20.—A Pretoria dispatch to the Times, dated May 18th, says: The executive council today decided that the punishment of Colonel Francis Rhodes, Lionel Phillips, Geo. Farrar and John Hays Hammond, the leaders of the reformers, who were sentenced to death, shall be fifteen years' imprisonment. The hope is entertained that the sentence will be modified. The announcement of the sentences of the other reformers is still awaited. The Times also has a dispatch from Cape Town which says the motion of Mr. Merriman in the Cape House Assembly to revoke the charter of the British South Africa Company is certain to be defeated. The bulk of the speakers in the House, this dispatch says, support the Chartered Company. The Times explains in an editorial that there is a bare possibility that in its Pretoria dispatch fifteen years means the period of banishment instead of imprisonment. "If it means imprisonment," says the Times, "it is almost equivalent to a death sentence, and will produce a painful impression of surprise as being severe beyond all expectations, and the ending will be to perpetuate political strife."

The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Pretoria dated Monday, May 18th, which says the executive council, after a heated discussion, postponed the final decision on the punishment for the reform leaders until the next day (Tuesday). A difficulty has arisen, says this dispatch, from the fact that two of the prisoners, including the leaders, have signed a petition asking for a commutation of their sentences to fines, while ten of the prisoners have refused to sign.

### DEFEAT OF THE MATABELE.

Victory of the Troops of Cecil Rhodes Near Buluwayo.

BULUWAYO, May 13.—Beale's column inflicted defeat upon the Matabele at Movenon Saturday without themselves suffering any loss. In an engagement at Movenon Sunday, half a mile from Mavin's main kraal, the Matabele maintained a hot fire for fifteen minutes. Cecil Rhodes and Captain Metcalf were well to the front. The Maxim rapid fire gun was not used. It is impossible to estimate the number of the enemy killed, owing to the thick bush and the high grass there was in the locality of the fight. Desultory firing was continued as the enemy retired. The Mavin and other kraals were destroyed.

The patrol started today in pursuit of the natives. Two bodies of white men were found, which are identified as those of Walsh and Harbord.

### Kansas Breeze in Texas.

SHERMAN, Tex., May 15.—The bodies of dead children are hanging on the branches of the ash, oak and orange trees of Denton and Grayson counties tonight. A cyclone, the most terrific Northeastern Texas has ever experienced, dashed out lives and wrecked homes in the village of Justin and the cities of Denton and Sherman today. Fifty people are known to be dead. As many more are missing.

## MEMBERS OF HOUSE MAKE A DAY OF IT.

Loan Bill Gets a Dressing of Hilo Sauce.

### GOOD WHARF WANTED OR NONE.

Senate Opposes Water Right to Hilo Electric Co.—The Births, Deaths and Marriage Registry—Rep. Bond and the Liquor Commission.

Eighty-fourth Day.  
TUESDAY, May 26.

In the Senate Minister King\* announced a number of bills signed by the President. The Printing Committee reported copies of the Liquor Commission report. Two sections in the license bill not previously acted upon were referred to the Conference Committee.

The bill providing for taking water from the Wailuku river by the Hilo Electric Light Company came up on second reading. The bill was opposed as establishing a dangerous precedent. Senator Waterhouse moved to indefinitely postpone. This resulted in a tie vote and President Wilder voted against the motion. The bill was finally referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The bill for recording births, deaths, etc., passed the third reading. Senator McCandless' wide tire bill was referred to the Miscellaneous Committee on second reading.

### House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Rep. Kamauloha Reps. Rycroft and Richardson were substituted in that member's place on the select committee who visited the leper settlement at Molokai for the purpose of conferring with the Board of Health.

Minister King reported the following Acts signed by the President:

An Act defining burglary and to repeal Chapter 14 of the Penal Code, relating to burglary.  
An Act amending Chapter XLIII of the Session Laws of 1890, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter XXXI of the Civil Code in regard to corporations."

Act relating to the criminal jurisdiction of District Magistrates and repealing Section 1 of Chapter LII of the Penal Code relating thereto.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Act 42 of the Provisional Government, entitled, "An Act conferring additional jurisdiction upon certain District Magistrates."

Joint resolution in regard to the Great Seal of the Republic of Hawaii.  
Rep. Bond reported as follows for the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry into the action reported to have been taken by the Medical Association at a meeting held by them on or about May 20th:

"It appears, on inquiry, that the schedule of medical fees published by the press was indeed passed, but by only a bare quorum of eight Representatives, about one-fourth of the membership of the Medical Association."

"It is averred that the object of the bill was to secure protection for the members of the medical fraternity in the rare cases that might be referred to the courts for legal adjudication of charges and collection of same, and did not necessarily mean a rise on the present scale of charges prevailing among the physicians who have been accustomed to adopting their fees to the circumstances of their patients and a number of whom have declared their purpose of adhering to their customary scale of fees."

"Your committee feel that the action taken by the members who represented the Medical Association at the meeting referred to was ill-considered, in view of the vote so recently passed by the House of Representatives to exempt physicians from the payment of a yearly license, and believe that any attempt to enforce an exorbitant bill of fees would probably result in the enactment of laws for the protection of the public."

"While we are disposed to believe that the good sense of the Medical Association will prevent any unwise action on their part, we deem it desirable that they should discover the action taken at their meeting, hereinbefore referred to, at the earliest opportunity, and recommend that they be furnished by our Secretary with a copy of this report."

Report adopted.  
Rep. Winston reported for the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 47, recommending that the bill pass with the change of inserting in line 6 the word "Mahu-kona," in the place of "Kealakekua."

"With the large sums of money appropriated by the present Legislature for opening up roads for the development of the rich coffee lands of this district."

"Your committee would consider it unwise at the present to take any action that might retard the progress of this district by depriving it of the advantage that Kealakekua might afford it as a port of entry."

Rep. Richards reported for the Finance Committee on Senate Bill No. 46, relating to national loan and issuance of bonds as security therefor, recommending passage with following amendments:

In Section 2 insert in line 3, after word "resemble," "not less than five nor more than twenty years after the date of issue," and strike out in the same line the words "in ten years from the date of issue."

Section 3 pass as in the bill.  
Strike out Section 4.

Section 5 pass as in the bill.  
Section 6, in first line, after the word "Finance," insert "with the approval of the Executive Council."

Strike out remainder of the section after the word "bonds," in line 2.  
Strike out Section 7.

Section 8, insert the following: Line 12, change \$25,000 to \$30,000.  
Line 13, change \$30,000 to \$50,000.

After line 18 insert "new road to Kawaihi, homesteads, \$3,000."

Between lines 19 and 20 insert "new cross-road beginning on volcano road, between lots 133 and 140, and extending through to the Pahoehe, \$2,500."

Line 24, change from 4,000 to 1,000.  
Strike out line relating to expense for placing bond.

Rep. Bond announced that the report of the Liquor Committee had been printed and was ready for distribution.

Minister Cooper asked for more time to answer the questions propounded by Rep. Robertson in regard to the Inter-Island steamship companies. Granted.

A communication from the Senate announced non-concurrence of that body in the House amendments to the following sections of Senate Bill No. 12, License Act: Sections 16, 17, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 77, 84, 87, 110 and the title. A conference committee was asked for. Also concurrence of Senate in House amendments to joint resolution regarding postage stamps. Communication accepted.

Rep. Bond introduced his bill on the prevention of blindness. Read first time by title and referred to the Printing Committee.

Senate Bill No. 46, relating to national loan, taken up for consideration with the report of the Finance Committee.

In addition to the amendment offered by the committee in Section 2, Minister Damon explained that in 1901 there would be \$198,000 of bonds that could be taken up by the Government. He recommended passage of amendment by the committee. Section passed.

The matter of a commission not greater than 5 per cent. provoked quite a heated discussion.  
Rep. Rycroft was of the opinion that the provision should remain, making it possible for all the money intended to be used on public improvements to be obtained at once.

Rep. Winston said that in case the bonds could be sold without the commission the provision would be useless.

Minister Damon explained that he should like to see the loan placed at home and that the bonds should be bought as close as possible to the purchaser without the intervention of another party.

Rep. McBryde moved that the discount be made 3 instead of 2 per cent. and also that the commission be stricken out.

Motion to strike out the section was lost and Rep. McBryde's amendment carried.

Minister Damon's motion that the Board of Education bonds of 1874 be cancelled, carried.

The amendment of Rep. Richards, to the effect that \$600 be added to the

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